

FISCAL NOTE

SB 441 - HB 1342

April 4, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all hospitals, other than state-operated mental hospitals, to make quarterly reports to the Department of Health on all infections that patients acquire while in the hospital. The Department would then annually report the hospital-acquired infections data to the General Assembly and the public. The Commissioner of Health will appoint an advisory committee to assist the department in developing methods for collecting the data and making risk adjustments. Any hospital that fails to report this information could be punished by termination or suspension of license or a civil penalty of \$500 per day for each day the hospital is in violation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

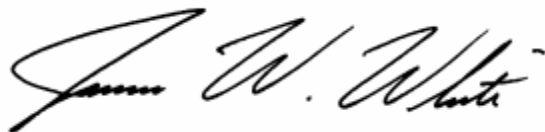
**Increase State Expenditures - \$53,800 One-Time
\$37,567 Recurring**

Assumptions:

- \$49,500 one-time cost for Professional Computer Programmer to make adjustments for current Unusual Incident Reporting system to handle urinary tract infection data.
- \$34,117 recurring cost for new Statistical Analyst 2 position to assist the advisory council and handle the collection, analysis, and disclosure of information to meet the intent of the bill.
- The advisory committee is estimated to be composed of 10 members receiving \$.35 per mile for travel for four meetings over the course of a year totaling \$1,750. The bill does not state the number of members appointed to the advisory committee or that the members will receive any compensation for their time.
- Other costs are attributed to the communications, computer and office set-up for the new position.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director